



United States Department of Agriculture  
National Agricultural Statistics Service  
**Alabama Crop Progress  
and Condition Report**



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This report contains data collected each week from respondents across the state whose occupations provide them opportunities to discuss agricultural production with farmers in their counties as well as to make visual observations. We thank all who have contributed to this report.

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## General

According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Alabama, there were 6.5 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, August 9, 2020. Precipitation ranged from no rain to 2.1 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the mid 80s to the high 90s. Average low temperatures ranged from the low 60s to the high 70s.

## Crops

Scattered showers provided relief to some central and eastern counties while leaving much of the state with little to no rain. Sunny days allowed fieldwork to continue on schedule. Corn was drying down nicely as producers began harvesting. Cotton, peanut, and soybean condition declined slightly from high temperatures and insufficient rainfall. Producers ran irrigation systems where available.

## Livestock and Pastures

Another week of mostly dry weather took a toll on pasture condition, and cattle showed signs of stress.

## Crop Progress for Week Ending 08/09/20

Crop stage	Prev year	Prev week	This week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn - Mature .....	64	54	64	70
Corn - Harvested .....	1	NA	1	3
Cotton - Squaring .....	96	95	98	97
Cotton - Setting Bolls .....	84	73	85	86
Cotton - Bolls Opening .....	1	NA	3	2
Hay - 2nd Cutting .....	92	90	94	88
Peanuts - Pegging .....	98	95	99	92
Soybeans - Blooming .....	86	84	91	91
Soybeans - Setting Pods .....	64	63	76	69

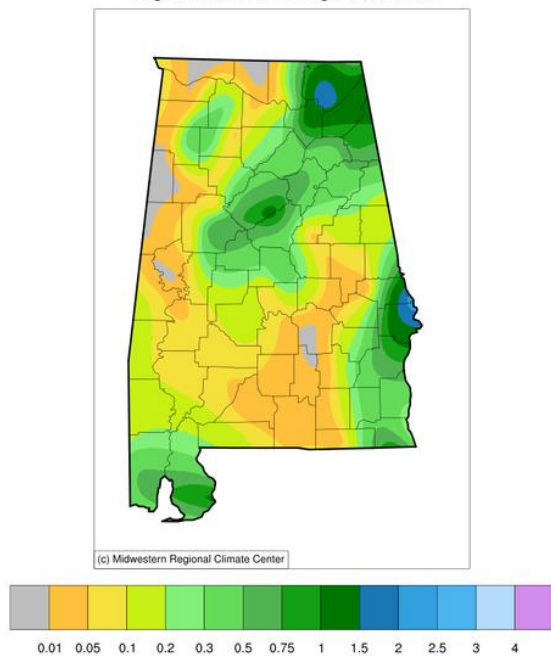
## Conditions for Week Ending 08/09/20

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle .....	0	3	23	68	6
Corn .....	0	1	12	66	21
Cotton .....	0	1	22	65	12
Pasture and range .....	1	4	23	69	3
Peanuts .....	0	0	22	61	17
Soybeans .....	1	1	15	74	9

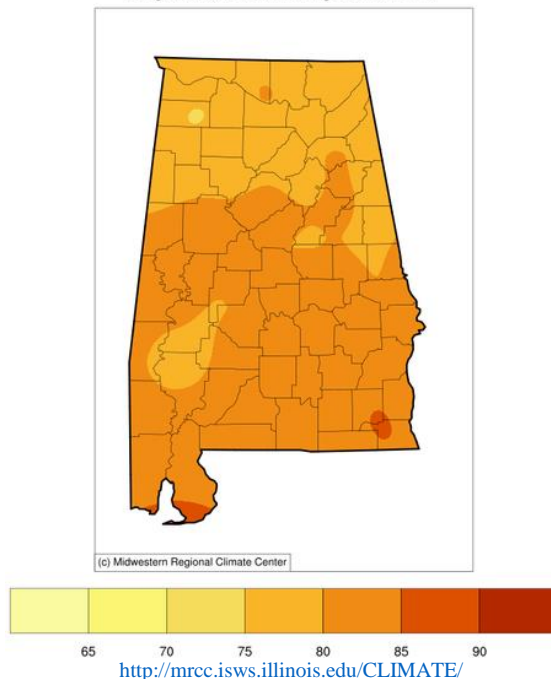
## Soil Moisture for Week Ending 08/09/20

Topsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short .....	5	13
Short .....	16	33
Adequate .....	79	54
Surplus .....	0	0
Subsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short .....	5	11
Short .....	15	23
Adequate .....	80	66
Surplus .....	0	0

**Accumulated Precipitation (in)**  
August 03, 2020 to August 09, 2020

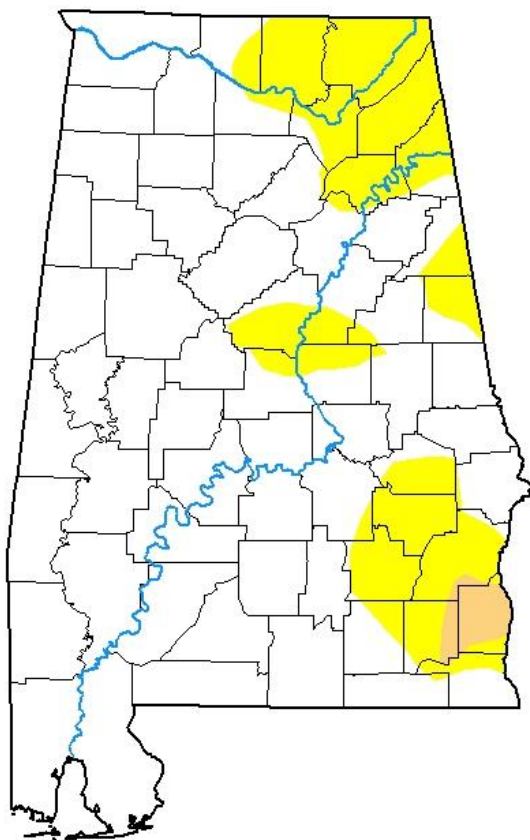


**Average Temperature (°F)**  
August 03, 2020 to August 09, 2020



## U.S. Drought Monitor Alabama

**August 4, 2020**  
(Released Thursday, Aug. 6, 2020)  
Valid 8 a.m. EDT



Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	79.57	20.43	1.33	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> 07-28-2020	81.22	18.78	0.47	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> 05-05-2020	90.89	9.11	3.66	0.50	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> 12-31-2019	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> 10-01-2019	0.00	100.00	35.36	11.99	3.54	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> 08-06-2019	66.15	33.85	11.75	2.45	0.00	0.00

### Intensity:

None	D2 Severe Drought
D0 Abnormally Dry	D3 Extreme Drought
D1 Moderate Drought	D4 Exceptional Drought

The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. For more information on the Drought Monitor, go to <https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/About.aspx>

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